

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: October 16, 2013

TIME: 9:40 am to 11:30 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Eva Growney

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Larry Swanson

Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

James Bagg, Vice-Chair

Thomas Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires, CAC Huntington

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Sarah Lansdale, Director, Suffolk County Division of Planning & Environment
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning, Division of Planning & Environment
Jason Hann, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 2
Debbie Tinnirello, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5
Christopher Lubicich, Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Mary Dempsey, Biologist, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning
Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control
Jeff Dawson, Senior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Paul McMahan, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Ben Wright, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning
Kenneth Holmstrom, Project Manager, LIRO Engineers
Kevin Papasian, Project Manager, FST Engineers
Rick Brand, Newsday

Minutes:

Minutes for the August 21, 2013 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the August 21, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pichney. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

There was no received correspondence.

John Corral brought to the Council's attention that New York State has approved the new Environmental Assessment Forms. There have been no chances since the CEQ approved and updated Suffolk County's Long and Short Environmental Assessment Forms to coincide with the State's update. These updated forms are posted on CEQ's webpage on the Suffolk County Website. CEQ staff will assist all of the Suffolk County Departments in their use of these updated forms.

Public Portion:

There were no general public comments offered to the CEQ

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- **Housing Program:**
Mr. Martin noted that all of the County's available residential spaces have been rented. There have been some changes in the tenants but all County residences are currently rented.

- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin noted that there are no updates on the custodial agreements and none of the pending contracts have been completed since the Council's last meeting. The Parks Department is working with the County Attorney's office to see if the contract process can be simplified.

- **Current Events:**
Mr. Martin informed the Council that the installation of a new sprinkler system at the Deepwells House the Deepwells Historical Society has been completed. Due to the sprinkler installation they will be unable to have the Halloween event but will be able to hold their annual Holiday event December 7 and 8th.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Replacement of CR16 Bridge over LIRR and LI Avenue, CP5855, Town of Brookhaven

Paul McMahon, Principal Civil Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Ken Holmstrom, Project Manager from LIRO Engineers gave a presentation regarding the project which involves the full replacement of the bridge carrying CR 16, Horseblock Road over the LIRR and LI Avenue. Bridge is over 70 years old and in the last four years they have had two emergency deck repairs. It is an 80 percent federally funded project and is scheduled for construction 2015.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

B. Proposed Interchange Improvements for CR111 at LIE, CP5123, Town of Brookhaven

Paul McMahon, Principal Civil Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Ken Holmstrom, Project Manager from LIRO Engineers gave a presentation regarding the project which involves the design for the interchange improvements for CR111 at the Long Island Expressway.

Mr. Swanson made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

C. Proposed Pedestrian Safety Improvements on CR 35, Park Avenue, Town of Huntington

Jeff Dawson, Senior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Kevin Papasian of FST Engineering gave a presentation regarding the Pedestrian Safety Improvements on CR35 Park Avenue. Mr. Dawson noted that the intent of the project was to provide a safe continuous walkway within the corridor.

Joy Squires proposed to table this project. Ms. Squires mentioned that she believed that the Town of Huntington had not yet seen this project and she proposes that the Town of Huntington be given additional time to review and properly respond to the project. Ms. Squires mentioned a number of items relating to the project that should be addressed such as the location of the project staging areas as well as the designation of existing wetland, historic district and parkland locations.

The Council members agreed with Ms. Squires that the Town of Huntington should be given time to respond to this project and that the Department of Public Works should work with the Town for further project coordination.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to table the project. A motion to table was made by Mr. Kaufman and was seconded by Ms. Russo. Motion carried.

D. Proposed Acquisition of Property by Suffolk County (80%) and the Town of Brookhaven and (20%) for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Eastport Senior Living, LLC Property – Topping Path, Town of Brookhaven

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst for the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Division of Planning & Environment gave a presentation regarding the acquisition of 4.79± acres of land by Suffolk County for open space preservation purposes.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- E. Proposed Acquisition of Property by Suffolk County (80%) and the Town of Brookhaven (20%) for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Westhampton II Old Country Senior Housing, LLC Property – Topping Path, Town of Brookhaven

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst for the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Division of Planning & Environment gave a presentation regarding the acquisition of 4.00± acres of land by Suffolk County for open space preservation purposes.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- F. Proposed Sewer District No. 3 Southwest, Electrical Substation Protection, CP 8170, Town of Babylon

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, gave a presentation regarding providing flood protection for the Sewer District #3 Southwest's electrical substation. Mr. Wright noted that this substation is the heart of the Southwest Sewer District and everything that operates at this system is powered by this substation. It was not damaged during any of the previous storms but they want to make sure that it has the proper protection for the future.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- G. Proposed Sewer District No. 3 Southwest, Pumping Stations No. 9 & 10, CP 8181, Town of Babylon

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, gave a presentation regarding building modifications to Pumping Stations No. 9 & 10 to provide increased flood protection. These two pumping stations experienced water damage from previous storms. Flood protection measures are to be taken to prevent future flooding.

Ms. Growney made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Mr. Pichney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Recommended Type II Actions:

- A. Proposed Replacement of Sewer District Emergency Electric Generators, CP8103, All Sewer Districts

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation regarding the replacement of many sewer district emergency electric generators in all sewer districts. Some of the current generators are older than fifteen years which is older than the FEMA recommended age for emergency generators. This project will help insure that the sewer districts have working generators when the County is impacted by storms.

Ms. Growney made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

B. Vector Control 2014 Annual Plan of Work

Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control made a presentation regarding the annual plan for the County's ongoing mosquito control program.

Mr. Ninivaggi noted that this work plan for 2014 is essentially the same as last year's plan. A short form EAF was completed to that effect. Mr. Ninivaggi noted that pesticide usage including the use of larvacide this year was down. Mr. Ninivaggi also stated that this year the Vector Control Division will continue with wetland maintenance type activities and are awaiting the final approval of the Wetlands Management Plan so that some higher level wetlands management projects can be completed.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table September 12, 2013

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report but that there was nothing additional to report on this LADS report.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the September 12, 2013 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

B. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table October 8th, 2013

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report but that there was nothing additional to report on this LADS report.

Ms. Growney made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the October 8, 2013 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Motion carried. Mr. Kaufman abstained from voting on IR1886-13.

C. Recommendation for Intro Res. No. 1692-2013 Establishing Guidelines for the use of Methoprene in Suffolk County - as amended as of 9/10/2013

The CEQ reviewed and discussed I.R. 1692-2013 (Amended 9/10/2013). In its review of I.R. 1692-2013 (Amended 9/10/2013) the CEQ noted that a number of the Resolution's whereas clauses, which provide the justification for the resolution's proposed action, are based on information that is not scientific in nature. The CEQ discussed that this proposed action would represent a significant change to the 2007 Suffolk County Vector Control and Wetlands Management Long-Term Plan's Larval Mosquito Control Program and may result in significant adverse environmental impacts including an increased number of adult Mosquitos and an increased need for the spraying of Mosquito adulticides in populated areas. The CEQ also noted that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is required because this change may have significant environmental impacts and the change has not been addressed in the Long Term Plan's Final Generic Impact Statement.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of I.R. 1692-2013 (Amended 9/10/2013) as a Type I action and that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement be submitted to the CEQ. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned.